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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”

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Sports

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Adjunct faculty may face brunt of budget cuts

By Joseph Ryan
Administration editor

Annually contracted faculty members expressed their concern over budget cuts, which will be made next year at an informational meeting Wednesday, sponsored by University Professionals of Illinois.

Annually contracted faculty are teachers who are not tenure track and may be terminated because of economic forces.

About 40 people were in attendance at the meeting, in which Bonnie Irwin, associate professor of English, read off the tentative cuts that will be made if the full fiscal year 2002 anticipated budget shortfall of \$2.9 million becomes a reality.

Nine adjunct faculty will be terminated.

Nine adjunct faculty’s teaching loads will be reduced.

Three depts will not fill tenure positions.

Two departments will ask faculty to take overloads.

Five departments will increase class sizes (mainly general educa-

tion classes).

Ten departments will be cutting sections or courses.

Irwin said the information was comprised from reports from 21 departments whose names will not be revealed.

Also, Irwin said the cuts could vary tremendously from the predictions, depending on what the deans and provost decide to do as well as what the total budget shortfall is in the end.

“If there has to be department cuts, I don’t see why cutting adjunct faculty is the only solution. Why not cut the paper pushers,” said William Miller, professor of English.

Kathy Ryan, instructor in the music department, said, “Our tenured faculty are already working an overload, there is not much else they can do.”

The \$2.9 million anticipated budget shortfall was announced by Eastern President Carol Surles in a letter to the university earlier in this semester. The shortfall is based on

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Rental headaches



Sara Figiel / Photo editor

Mayor Dan Cougill responds to a question about the city of Charleston’s current stance on curbside recycling and other waste disposal conditions on Wednesday night in the 1895 Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union during the External Relations Committee meeting.

Mayor and local property owners disagree on inspections

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student government editor

Local property owners voiced questions over a proposed city ordinance that would have city officials inspect rental properties in Charleston during the Student Senate’s External Relations Committee meeting Wednesday.

The committee also discussed the old Wal-Mart location, parking issues on Fourth Street, and the city’s efforts to lure a 24-hour diner to the former Hardee’s site.

The proposed ordinance, in which committee chair Hugh O’Hara said he would rewrite the existing zoning code for the city, includes a provision that would allow city officials to inspect rental properties for safety.

Currently, city officials are only allowed to inspect a residence when requested to by a resident, said Mayor Dan Cougill.

However, Cougill said, many off-campus students haven’t experienced renting their own place, and lack the life experience to understand what issues warrant calling city officials.

Charleston resident Bill Drake

“Why does the city have to be the parents of these students?”

Bill Drake,
Charleston resident

disagreed with Cougill.

“Why does the city have to be the parents of these students?” Drake asked.

Andy McArthur, owner of McArthur Manor in Charleston, said that the committee should also take into consideration elderly residents that live in rental properties in Charleston, as well as students.

Cougill said he wanted a workable solution to the debate over the ordinance. The City Council will delay a vote on the proposed ordinance until students return this August, Cougill said.

Also, Cougill said the old Wal-Mart location, at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive, would remain vacant until the owner, John Young, finds another

store to occupy the location.

However, Cougill said Young has little incentive to market the location as Wal-Mart still has three years left on the property’s lease.

Wal-Mart is trying to find a company to take over the lease, Cougill said.

Citing increased traffic because of a new parking lot, O’Hara also asked the city to install a stop sign on Fourth Street near Coleman Hall.

O’Hara said that a new parking lot at Fourth Street and Garfield Avenue has increased traffic to the point where “it’s very difficult for students to cross (Fourth Street).”

Cougill thought that a stop sign was too drastic of a move.

“I hate putting signs up just for the sake of putting signs up,” Cougill said.

However, O’Hara said Cougill agreed to install a pedestrian sign with flashing lights at the location.

In other business, the committee discussed placing a 24-hour diner in the location formerly occupied by a Hardee’s restaurant.

Cougill said that the Hardee’s corporation plans to appraise the location before it would consider selling the property.

Freshmen can fly solo in housing

By Karen Kirr
Campus editor

Continuing their efforts to make residents happy, student housing staff members have cleared the way for freshman students to room by themselves.

Single rooms are now available to freshmen as long as they are in their second semester of enrollment at Eastern, said Kelly Miller, assistant director of student housing.

The decision to allow freshmen this privilege was made a week or two into the semester, said Matt Boyer, residence hall counselor.

The Housing Office wants to meet the needs of the students, so it looked to give students another housing option, Boyer said.

“Our motivation (to allow freshmen single rooms) was really based on our ability to make people happy,” Miller said. “If we can make some people happy, then we will do that.”

Boyer said before this semester began, the idea to give freshmen single rooms in residence

halls had not been an issue.

However, as the semester began, discussion with underclass students indicated they were interested in having a single room, Boyer said.

“(With this decision, housing officials) took into consideration students’ needs,” Boyer said.

When making the decision, housing officials also took into consideration the fact that not all freshmen who come to Eastern are accustomed to sharing a room with another person, Miller said.

“We don’t want to make people unhappy,” Miller said.

The recent announcement of an enrollment decrease for this academic year was not the reason freshmen can now purchase single rooms, Miller said.

However, there also has been a decrease in housing, and the numbers show that more and more freshmen are not returning to the residence halls their sophomore year. Sophomores and juniors also are not returning their junior and senior years.

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Show to confront current issues

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

The University Board is offering students a chance to voice their opinions on racism, sexism and homophobia through a talk-back type play called, “Strange Like Me,” tonight at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Union

“Strange Like Me,” begins with a monologue that lays bare the ugliness of hate, setting the stage for a lively discussion of diversity,” said Lynn Stahlhut, UB lectures coordinator. In the play’s two scenes, audience members follow six students as they attempt to navigate the sometimes difficult terrain of multicultural campus relationships.

What makes this play so different than other traditional plays are the talk-backs. “The characters freeze but stay in character,” Stahlhut said. “The audience can ask them questions or comment.”

This type of “Gestic” theater was created by German playwright and theorist Bertolt Brecht. He

used the term “Gest” to describe socially significant attitudes expressed in action, Stahlhut said. Brecht advocated a type of theater that would expose these attitudes to the examination of the audience, allowing the spectators to make a judgment about them. From his theory, he created the Gestic Theater Company, the company that is bringing “Strange Like Me” to Eastern.

The goal of the company is to expose issues and attitudes encountered in campus life to the examination of students, Stahlhut said. Its goal is not to tell students what to think or how to behave, but to get them to think and most importantly, talk to each other.

Since 1995, The Gestic Theater Company has been performing a series of innovative, interactive, entertaining theatrical programs and workshops on issues that are of vital importance to students, Stahlhut said. “It’s a different type of lecture because someone is not just talking to you,” she said.

These programs get students involved by engaging them in dialogues about date rape, diversity and substance abuse. Following the scenes, the audience then participates in moderated “talk-backs,” Stahlhut said. During these “talk-backs,” the actors remain in character allowing the audience to confront them on their behavior and voice their opinions.

The “talk-backs” take up more than 90 minutes of the play’s running time. Someone stands in as a moderator during the “talk-backs” and acts much like a television talk show host, Stahlhut said. The moderator encourages everyone to participate, challenges the audience’s responses and makes sure the focus of the play does not get lost in the shuffle.

The play is being sponsored in commemoration of Eastern’s African-American Heritage Celebration 2001.

Admission is \$1 for the public and free to EIU students with an ID.



Adriene Weller / Staff photographer

Feel the beat

Patrick Zavoral, 13, practices his percussion during his private lesson with Professor Johnny Lee Lane on Wednesday afternoon in the Fine Arts and Music building.

What’s on
tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What’s on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to cucds6@pen.eiu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Foreign Language Department offering Spring Break trip to Mexico

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

Imagine spending a fabulous spring break touring Mexico. Richard Crome, assistant professor of Spanish, can make that dream come true.

The trip includes visits to Mexico City, Zacatlan, Puebla, Oaxaca, Puerto Escondido, Acapulco and Taxco, Crome said.

Students will get to see the best known archaeological site in Mexico, The Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon.

The trip offers first-hand contact with the people of Mexico, its history and culture, Crome said.

Two credit hours may be earned in FLG-2500 (no prerequisite). The estimated cost of the trip is \$990 and must be paid to

Crome by Feb. 15.

The fee includes air and surface transportation, hotel, guide fees and entrances to archeological zones, Crome said. Tuition is not covered in the fee.

For more information call Crome at 581-2123.

Today

n 7 p.m., Still Life Artist, Maria Tomasula, speaks at Tarble Arts Center.
n 8 p.m., “Strange Like Me,” presented by Gestic Theater Company, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.
n 7 p.m., “He Said, She Said” What You Should Know About STDs, Lawson Hall Lobby.
n 5-7 p.m., Natural Ties Valentine’s Social, Kappa Delta Chapter Room, Greek Court.

Friday

n 5-9 p.m., WEIU-FM 88.9 Outlaw Radio, Hip Hop Show with Bumpy Jones and Notorious T.I.M.
n 7:30 p.m., EIU Jazz Festival concert featuring Gary Foster, Dvorak Concert Hall, Doudna Fine Arts Center.
n 7-10 p.m., Spoken Word Open Mic Night, sponsored by Student Government Diversity Affairs Committee and University Board, Rathskeller, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Saturday

n 11 a.m., Men’s Basketball at Murray State, televised on ESPN2.
n 7-9 p.m., Valentine’s Day Dance, Rathskeller, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.
n 5-8 p.m., Movie: *Remember the Titans*, Buzzard Auditorium.

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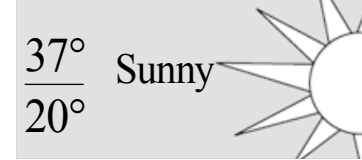
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Friday



Saturday



police
blotter
Disorderly conduct

n Gretchen M. Gerhardt, 21, of the 800 block of Harrison Street was cited at 11:11 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the same address for disorderly conduct, sale/gift of alcohol to a minor, selling alcohol without a license and possession of a keg without permit, a police report stated.

n Siovaughn L. Funches, 19, of Andrews Hall was cited at 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 30 at the University Police Department for criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, a police report stated.

Alcohol violations

n Scott J. Staley, 21, of the 1700 block of Ninth Street, was cited at 3:04 a.m. on Feb. 3 at the same address for sale/gift of alcohol to a minor, selling alcohol without a license and purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, a police report stated.

Student Senate bylaw change enhances relations with RSO's

By **Jeremy Pelzer**
Student government editor

In what Speaker of the Senate Adam Weyhaupt called a "momentous change," the Student Senate Wednesday passed a bylaw change that will create a council to be made up of delegates from all 132 Recognized Student Organizations.

The senate also recommended that Assistant Residence Directors be eligible to purchase staff parking permits, welcomed a new off-campus senate member, recommended that an off-campus student be placed on the parking committee, and tabled bills that would allocate funds to the Miss Black EIU pageant, a forum on the Freshman Writing Portfolio, an upcoming mayoral debate, and voter registration.

The RSO council, to be composed of a delegate from each RSO, as well as five senate members, replaces a system where each senate member is required to represent one RSO. Since there are only 30 senate members, said Marty Ruhaak, co-sponsor of the

bylaw change, this system does not do enough to represent all the RSOs.

"We should make an effort to represent everyone," Ruhaak said.

Ruhaak said most RSOs have voiced support for the proposal.

The senate also approved a recommendation to the parking committee to allow ARDs to apply for staff parking permits.

Staff permits would help ARDs to fulfill their responsibilities, said Robbins, co-sponsor of the resolution.

Another resolution passed by the senate is a recommendation to the President's Council that the parking committee add an off-campus student position.

The addition of another student member would also help give students better representation on the committee, Robbins said.

If approved by the President's Council, the new position would be open to all off-campus students, Robbins said.

In other business, a new on-campus senate member, Ashanda Simmons, a junior African-American studies and mathemat-

ics major, took her seat on the senate. Weyhaupt said he appointed Simmons to fill a position opened up when the senate decided to relabel an off-campus seat to an on-campus position.

The senate also tabled two bills — one allocating \$100 to place an advertisement in the Miss Black EIU pageant program, the other giving a total of \$200 toward a forum on the Freshman Writing Portfolio, upcoming mayoral debates and voter registration.

Kristen Rutter, student vice president for academic affairs, said the writing portfolio forum will take place on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Carman Hall lobby.

Hugh O'Hara, chair of the senate's external relations committee, said the mayoral debates are scheduled for sometime in mid-March, in conjunction with a drive to register students to vote in the city election, set for April 3.

At the start of the meeting, the senate observed a moment of silence for Mack Hollowell. Hollowell, who recently passed away, was the Board of Trustee's first chairman.



Robby Rimsky / Staff photographer

RHA to vote in new VP

By **Melissa McCarter**
Staff writer

The Residence Hall Association will vote today on altering a portion of its constitution.

The RHA will meet at 5 p.m. in Lawson Hall. In other business, the RHA will discuss scholarship funding and vote on a vice president position.

Alison Mormino, RHA president, said RHA members will vote on changing a constitutional amendment.

"We will be voting on a constitutional amendment that will change the requirements for the communication coordinator position," Mormino said.

RHA also will discuss scholarship funding particularly for the Bradwright Memorial scholarship and the Sean R. McKinney scholarship. The scholarships will be funded by the RHA and the residence halls, Mormino said.

The RHA will vote on whether to confirm Krista Sanderson as vice president and will take nominations for RHA treasurer, Mormino said.

Easy stroll

Jenny Durham, a junior family and consumer science major, walks Deuce, the dog, for one of her friends down Fourth Street on Wednesday afternoon.

Resident assistant applications are due today

By **Karen Kirr**
Campus editor

Applications for resident assistants for the fall 2001 semester are due today.

Any student interested in becoming a resident assistant for the fall 2001 semester must turn in their applications by 4:30 p.m. today to be considered for a posi-

tion, said Matt Boyer, residence counselor.

To be qualified as a resident assistant, a student must have completed 27 credit hours, he said.

Boyer said the turnout in applications this year far exceeded his expectations.

"We gave out 115 applications (to students interested in applying) this semester," he said. "That was

higher than we gave out last year."

He said the housing office was very excited about the amount of interest expressed by students regarding the positions.

There are numerous benefits involved once an applicant is awarded the position, Boyer said.

"The number one benefit is the free room and board an RA receives," he said.

Boyer said the skills assistants gain from the position are also very beneficial.

"There are lots of leadership experiences involved," he said. "They also learn time-management skills along with developing life-long friendships in the process."

He said being a RA is a big resume booster that could be valuable to anyone.

"A lot of employers have been to college and they know the trials (resident assistants) go through," Boyer said.

He said RAs are faced with crisis situations at times which require them to make important decisions.

Just the experience in itself is something they can take with them, Boyer said.

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Interior decorating

Finally, a sign of progress. More than a year and a half after Booth Library was fenced off from Eastern’s campus, students are seeing a sign of progress.

A display of various types of chairs that are being considered for the renovated library were on display in the McAfee Gymnasium for a week. Students were asked to evaluate them based on their comfort and durability.

Most students are curious about what the new and improved library will look like and this display allowed them to feel like they are part of the process. It’s encouraging for students to see the progress in the renovations first hand.

Booth furniture

The decision to let students give their input on the new furniture in Booth Library was an excellent idea.

“It is time to stir up some interest with students,

telling them (completion of Booth) is right around the corner,” said Allan Lanham, dean of the library.

After testing out the chairs themselves, library faculty members decided students should have a say in what kind of chairs they will be sitting in. The library will have room for 1,000 students to sit at one time.

For more library updates, students can go to www.eiu.edu/~booth.

Eleven chairs were available for students to test. The chairs fit into five different categories based on the purpose they will serve, including lounge seating, general library seating, task chairs for the computer room and reading and conference room chairs. Some rooms will be more formal than others.

To get student input, Lanham put together a simple questionnaire students could fill out to voice their opinion. The questionnaires asked only about comfort and style. Students were asked not to comment about the color or fabric design, since these had already been chosen.

After hiking around construction fences all year, even a little glimpse of the new library is an encouraging sight for students to see.

When the library is put back together again in a beautifully renovated building, you can be sure it will be a place where students spend long hours doing exciting things like studying oceanography or researching campaign finance reform. At least this way they will be comfortable while they do it.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today’s quote

“To get others to come into our way of thinking, we must go over to theirs; and it is necessary to follow, in order to lead.

William Hazlitt
writer, 1778-1830

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Ignorance, not TV, influences actions

If I had a dollar for every time someone tried to blame a television show, a movie or a record for something gone wrong here in the “real world,” I’d probably be richer than Regis Philbin.

It seems like there’s five or six stories that go like this every year now: some kid does something he saw in a movie, and the parents and the media are quick to blame the movie itself. It’s the same old story.

The latest “flavor of the month” for the finger-pointers is MTV’s “Jackass,” a stupendously idiotic show that portrays semi-professional stuntmen taking their stuff to the streets. The star of the show, Johnny Knoxville, has so far been trapped inside an outhouse that was turned upside down, voluntarily shocked by a taser, doused with pepper spray and marinated himself for a human barbecue. He’s obviously an intellectual giant.

That last act I described was recently emulated by a 13-year-old in Connecticut who had friends pour gasoline all over him and then light him on fire. Last we heard about the boy, he was in critical condition in a Boston burn unit. On “Jackass,” Knoxville was wearing a flame-retardant suit. Jason Lind was not.

Lind’s parents and Sen. Joe Lieberman were quick to blame MTV. Lieberman was quoted on mrshowbiz.com (a division of ABC News) as saying that he “expect(s) more” from MTV’s owners than to feature a program like “Jackass” on their channel.

Call me crazy, but shouldn’t Joe Lieberman, Mr. and Mrs. Lind, you, me and everybody else expect more out of Jason Lind? I don’t know about you, but if I poured gasoline on myself and then lit myself on fire, my old man would probably be calling me a jackass for the rest of my life.

What is it about people these days that they constantly have to pass the buck? Jason Lind didn’t burn himself because he watched “Jackass”; he most likely burned himself



Sean Stangland
DEN columnist

“Every time one of these stories gets big media play, I get so mad I can barely stand it.”

because he is a jackass. Every time one of these stories gets big media play, I get so mad I can barely stand it.

This case is especially maddening, and here’s why. First of all, “Jackass” is clearly branded with a TV-MA rating in the corner of its screen and is never shown before 9 p.m. These TV ratings were designed to prevent kids from watching shows like “Jackass,” and apparently they’re

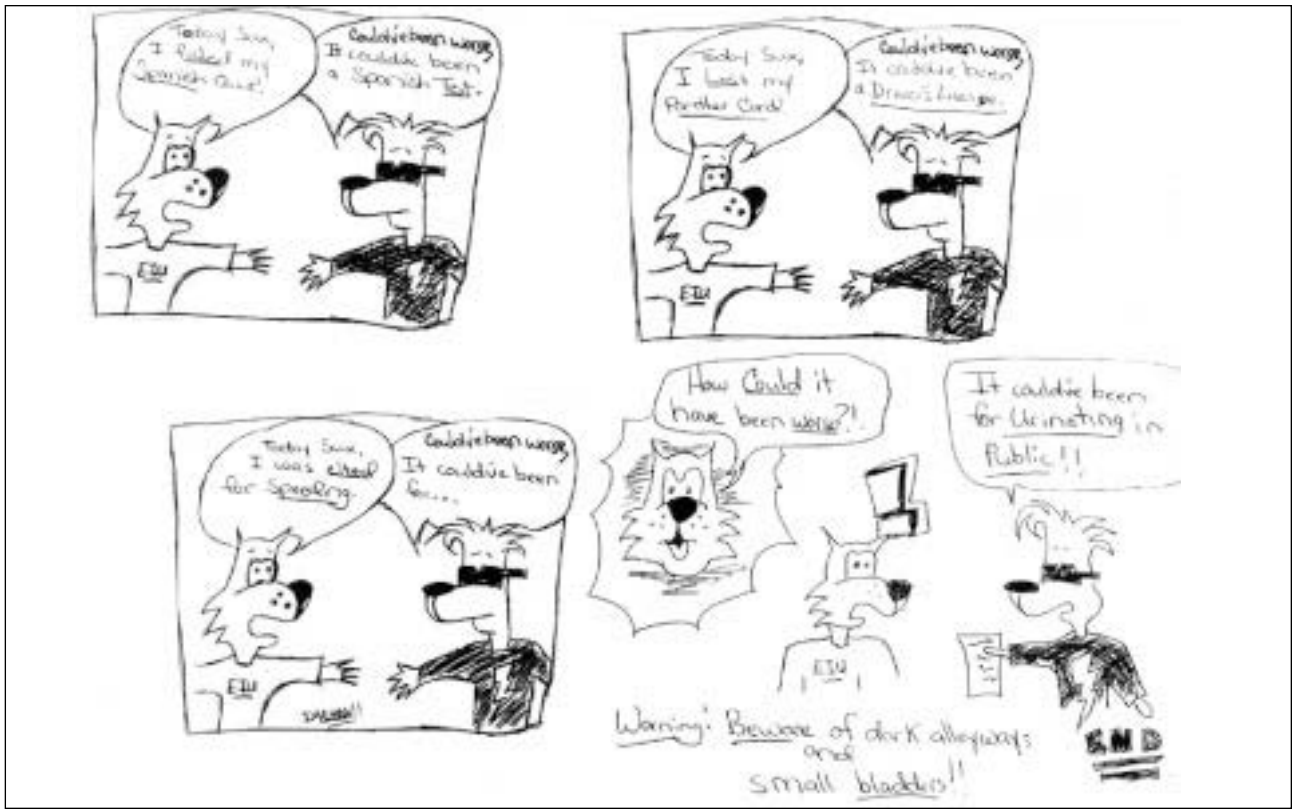
not working, eh?

Second, MTV places a disclaimer before every segment of “Jackass” warning viewers not to perform the stunts featured on the show, a rather sensible decision on the network’s part. The disclaimer even goes so far as to call the stuntmen “total idiots,” thereby inferring that anyone attempting to duplicate their actions would be an idiot as well (and I’d have to agree). MTV has done everything they should to make “Jackass” as childproof as possible, but of course, some will say that the show should not be on the air at all.

But it is on the air, and why not? Professional football is a dangerous sport where the object is to forcibly knock down your opponent, but there’s no disclaimer before every Bears-Packers game. There’s no disclaimer before boxing matches, where men beat each other within an inch of their lives. Isn’t it interesting that one dangerous act is labeled a sport, while another is labeled as being deviant? Who’s to say that performing stunts isn’t a sport to those who do it?

But enough hypothetical argument. The bottom line is that parents need to keep their eyes on their children, kids need to have some more common sense and the finger-pointers need to find something worthwhile to devote their time to. When blaming people becomes a profession, maybe it’s time to re-assess your life.

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Faith should lead you to seek God’s help

Jesus never said, “Take two of these and call me in the morning.”

Jesus saves your life, not doctors. God created you; he knows how you work and I am sure He will be able to fix all your problems. After all, he is omnipotent!

If you believe this, then that’s all you need to worry about. Don’t sell your faith short.

Yes, if you go to a hospital, then science will try to save your life, at least temporarily, or correct your vision or give you some drugs.

But what I do not understand is that if you claim to have faith, and thus

Your turn

Letters to the editor

faith in the power of prayer, then why even consider going to the middle man instead of going right to your faith? Especially when the middle man is science, which is continuously ridiculed for its apparent lack of perfection.

Science is not perfect, never claimed to be perfect, and probably will never be perfect with respect to its conclusions, which, by the way, are implied to be tentative by the definition of science.

So, if you truly believe in God then you know that He is perfect. Why

bother going to an imperfect scientist to fix your problems when you can go straight to infinite perfection?

My point is this: if you are among the faithful, then stick to your guns and pray for God to fix all your ills. You claim that faith is the answer. If you truly believe this, then there is no need to go to the hospital.

If you claim to have faith and then utilize the benefits of science, you are doing nothing short of slapping God in the face with hypocrisy. Have faith in your faith. Otherwise, you must ask yourself why you truly have faith.

Michael Brandon

Senior biological science major

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CAA looks at possible business degree changes

She worked in the department of art theory and practice at Northwestern until 1994. Since then, she has taught as a associate professor at the University of Notre Dame.

The changes will provide students greater flexibility in selecting courses that better fit their specific needs and interests, the proposal said.

"I have nothing more up my sleeve," Weyhaupt said.

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Still one month to register to vote in local elections

By Mark Eichenlaub
Staff writer

Students still have time to register to vote and participate in local government elections.

Students have until March 6 to register for the upcoming April 3 general election in a variety of ways, said Coles County Clerk Betty Coffrin.

The County Clerk's office, the Charleston Library, the local Driver's License Examining Station and soon the members of the Student Senate all will be able to

register students to vote, Coffrin said.

Coffrin said voters will decide on township supervisor, township clerk, four township trustees, road commissioner and about half of the school board seats. All of these are four-year terms.

One trustee for each park district, a six-year position, also will be on the ballot, Coffrin said.

"The upcoming election has many more positions on the ballot than most previous elections," Coffrin said.

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elections for local offices is usually 30 to 50 percent of the Charleston population, Coffrin said.

Go-cart operator banned from business in Illinois

CHICAGO (AP) — The owner of a go-cart track where a 3-year-old girl was killed this summer has been banned from doing business in Illinois.

A Cook County judge granted the state Labor Department's request for a permanent injunction against Opossum Grape Inc. The company, based in Mountain Home, Ark., operated five tracks in Chicago's suburbs, including Hi Speed Go Karts in Palatine.

Shelby Kukich died at that track on June 30 while riding in a go-cart with her mother. Their vehicle hit another in front of them, and Shelby was thrown forward into the steering wheel and crushed.

The girl's mother, Lindsay Kukich, said there was no

phone at the track to call 911.

In its complaint against Opossum Grape, the Labor Department said the company repeatedly failed to report injuries at its tracks, as required by law. Officials said an agency review of Country Club Hills Fire Protection District Records turned up 12 calls to one of the tracks for a total of 15 injuries.

The department also said that Shelby Kukich's death was not reported until a week after the accident. State law requires injuries at go-cart tracks to be reported within 24 hours.

The company has operated tracks in Palatine, Melrose Park, Tinley Park, Waukegan and Wheeling.

Summer may bring spike in gas prices

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — This summer could bring a dramatic jump in gasoline prices unless producers take steps now to avoid shortages, a special legislative committee warned Wednesday.

The Illinois House Special Committee on Gas Pricing said producers should carefully plan for the switch to low-pollution gasoline used in the summer and arrange new sources for gas now that an Illinois refinery has closed.

"What is really alarming and outrageous to us is that with four months left to go, the oil industry is treating \$3-a-gallon gasoline as a foregone conclusion, rather than working hard to correct the problem," said Rep. Julie Hamos, the Chicago Democrat who was chairwoman of the committee.

The committee was created to investigate last summer's high prices.

Problems beyond the control of the oil industry contributed to the high prices, but do not entirely explain them, lawmakers concluded. But they acknowledged having no proof of wrongdoing.

"We do not have proof of price-

fixing or Sherman antitrust violations, but we do have the clear conclusion that the explanations we were given do not hold water," said Rep. George Scully, D-Flossmoor. "We anxiously await the results of the Federal Trade Commission's investigation."

"I respectfully disagree that we didn't explain everything," said William Fleischli, executive vice president for the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association. "It was supply and demand. There was more demand than there was supply."

The committee found that higher costs for crude oil and low gasoline supplies helped drive up gasoline prices when demand rose last summer. Problems introducing new low-pollution gasoline also contributed to the shortage.

Because different areas of the Midwest use different varieties of gasoline, gas could not easily be brought in from elsewhere to ease local shortages, the committee found. For instance, the kind of gasoline used in St. Louis is not used across the river in East St. Louis, Fleischli said.

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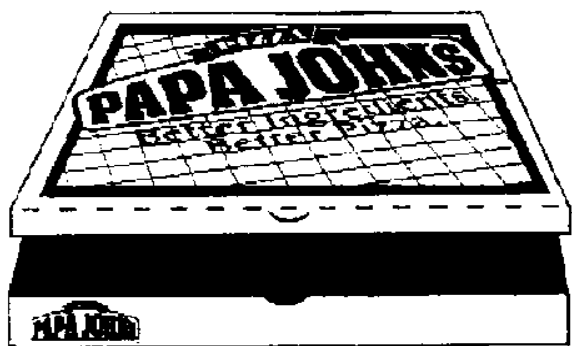
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an overall 5.9 percent, \$4.5 million, recommended increase in funding from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Sue Kaufman, professor of journalism, said, "I really don't think the whole IBHE recommendation will be approved by the General Assembly and governor. From legislative members I talked to, it seems we are certainly not going to get the whole amount."

David Radavich, president of UPI, said, "These cuts are based on a decrease of 1.5 percent in enrollment, and in the last two years our enrollment has decreased almost 10 percent. That has really hurt us financially."

"What we need to do is get out there and really try to recruit stu-

dents to come to this university. Eastern has a lot to offer," Radavich said.

Kaufman said, "I don't think the administration looked at this in a holistic fashion. That is, how these cuts will affect the students."

Ryan said, "These cuts could mean no more orchestra and no more marching band, which are major recruitment tools. Does the administration realize these cuts will hurt enrollment more?"

"Doesn't the deficit reflect an incompetence in the administration," said Tom Schnarre, instructor in the English department. "It just doesn't make sense. They're cutting experienced staff so that we can go online."

Radavich said UPI still doesn't know for sure how many layoffs there will be if any.

"UPI wants to do its damdest to get the budget through the legislature. We will do that with lobbying day on April 4, when we take a

group of people up there to to talk to the legislature and we will do it when we testify before the house and senate appropriations committee," Radavich said.

Donald Crawford, instructor in the English department, said, "Are we going to wait around like we did last year and let (Surles) spend all the money on furniture?"

Charles Delman, professor of mathematics, said, "A lot of these things we are talking about are attributable to administrative ineptitude and when they do a bad job it seems that they never get corrected for it."

We want to keep this an open process, Radavich said.

We want the students to be involved in that process as well.

Handouts were given to the audience during the meeting which included information to help laid-off workers with insurance and unemployment issues.

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Christie Pinnell of the housing office said in the fall of 1999, there were 1,845 freshmen, 1,004 sophomores, 743 juniors, 704 seniors and 106 graduate students, for a total of 4,393 students in housing.

For spring 2000, there were 1,380 freshmen, 793 sophomores, 519 juniors, 352 seniors and 24 graduate students, for a total of 3,068 students living in residence halls.

For the fall 2000 semester, there were 1,855 freshmen living in the residence halls, 882 sophomores, 663 juniors, 657 seniors and 110 graduate students, for a total of 4,167 students.

There are about 3,500 students living in residence halls this semester, Pinnell said. A complete total has not been compiled, she said.

The drop-off in retention of sophomores, juniors and seniors living in housing during the fall 2000 and spring 2001 semesters, when compared to the fall 1999 semester, indicates the extra space in residence halls may have been a factor in the decision.

Offering singles to freshmen in the spring semester is a trend housing officials plan to continue unless the university does not have enough space in the residence halls to offer them the privilege, she said.

"In the case that we don't have enough space, seniors, juniors and sophomores will all have priority before (freshmen)," she said.

As long as the space is avail-

able, the university plans to continue accommodating freshmen in this way, Miller said

Freshmen in the coming years still will be required to have a roommate their first semester for several reasons though, she said.

"For years and years, freshmen with roommates were more likely to stay in school," Miller said. "They were also more likely to adjust (to college) faster."

Boyer said it was also vital for freshmen students to have a roommate their first semester because when they venture out to the work world as an adult, they will not be working with familiar faces.

"It gives the students experience living with others they don't know," he said.

Any student interested in buying out a double room as a single can contact the housing office at 581-5111.

Drug-resistant HIV, AIDS virus causing concern

CHICAGO (AP) — People who catch HIV are increasingly likely to encounter mutant forms of the virus that are able to resist some of the drugs commonly used to treat the infection.

Drug-resistant strains have been a major problem since the start of treatment in the early years of the AIDS epidemic, but until recently this resistance emerged as the virus evolved inside each patient's body. Now, however, doctors say these resistant viruses apparently are being passed on to others in significant numbers.

U.S. researchers Wednesday reported an abrupt upswing over the past two years in the prevalence of resistant forms of the virus in newly infected people.

They said the cause of this increase is almost certainly the widespread use of drug combinations that have revolutionized the treatment of AIDS since 1996. These medicines have transformed HIV from a death sentence to a manageable condition, but they have also increased the number of outwardly healthy people whose bodies harbor resistant virus.

When all goes well, the drugs hold reproduction of the virus so low that no resistant mutants can evolve. But often, the medicines fail to work this well, and a virus gradually emerges that is resistant to one or more of the drugs being taken.

"There are significantly greater numbers of patients who have failing regimens and who transmit their virus," said Dr. Susan Little of the University of California at San Diego.

Her study was conducted on 394 people in Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, San Diego, Montreal, Birmingham, Ala., and Vancouver, British Columbia. She presented the results at the Eighth Annual Retrovirus Conference in Chicago.

The patients were seen by doctors between 1995 and last May. All were checked within three months of catching HIV.

Between 1995 and 1998, less than 4 percent of the patients caught resistant virus. In 1999 and 2000, this rose to 14 percent. Six percent of these had a virus that was resistant to two drugs.

Most of those who catch HIV never realize it until years later. However, patients occasionally realize it soon after infection because they get temporary flu-like symptoms. Some doctors recommend immediate drug treatment for such patients.

In these cases, Little said doctors should check their patients' viruses to see if they are resistant to any drugs before starting therapy.

Doctors believe that without treatment, patients' drug-resistant virus eventually evolves back to the non-resistant form.

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Track teams rest

Majority of runners take weekend off

By Chuck Babinski
Staff writer

The men's and women's indoor track teams will be taking it easy this weekend.

"They're a little tired from the effects of the indoor season," men's head coach Tom Akers said about his team. "I'll give them a lot of rest this week before we start gearing for the conference championship in a few weeks."

Some of the men's team will be competing at Butler University for the Cannon IV Invitational. This is one of the biggest meets of the year and teams will be competing from all over the country.

"Georgetown, Oregon and Colorado State should be there," Akers said. "It has a history of being a big meet."

Akers won't bring a full team to compete in Butler.

"Right now we need some rest," Akers said. "But our throwers, jumpers and hurdlers need some competitive work. We're also looking for Jason (Bialka) to go after a really good time in the 3,000," Akers said."

Bialka is trying to qualify for the NCAA championships. A time of 8:12 is needed to gain consideration to be invited to the NCAA championships. A world-class time of 8:00 means an

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While some of the men's team will compete this week, all of the women's indoor track team will be getting the weekend off.

"We've got quite a few girls injured," women's head coach John Craft said. "They need some time to rest and get a chance to heal."

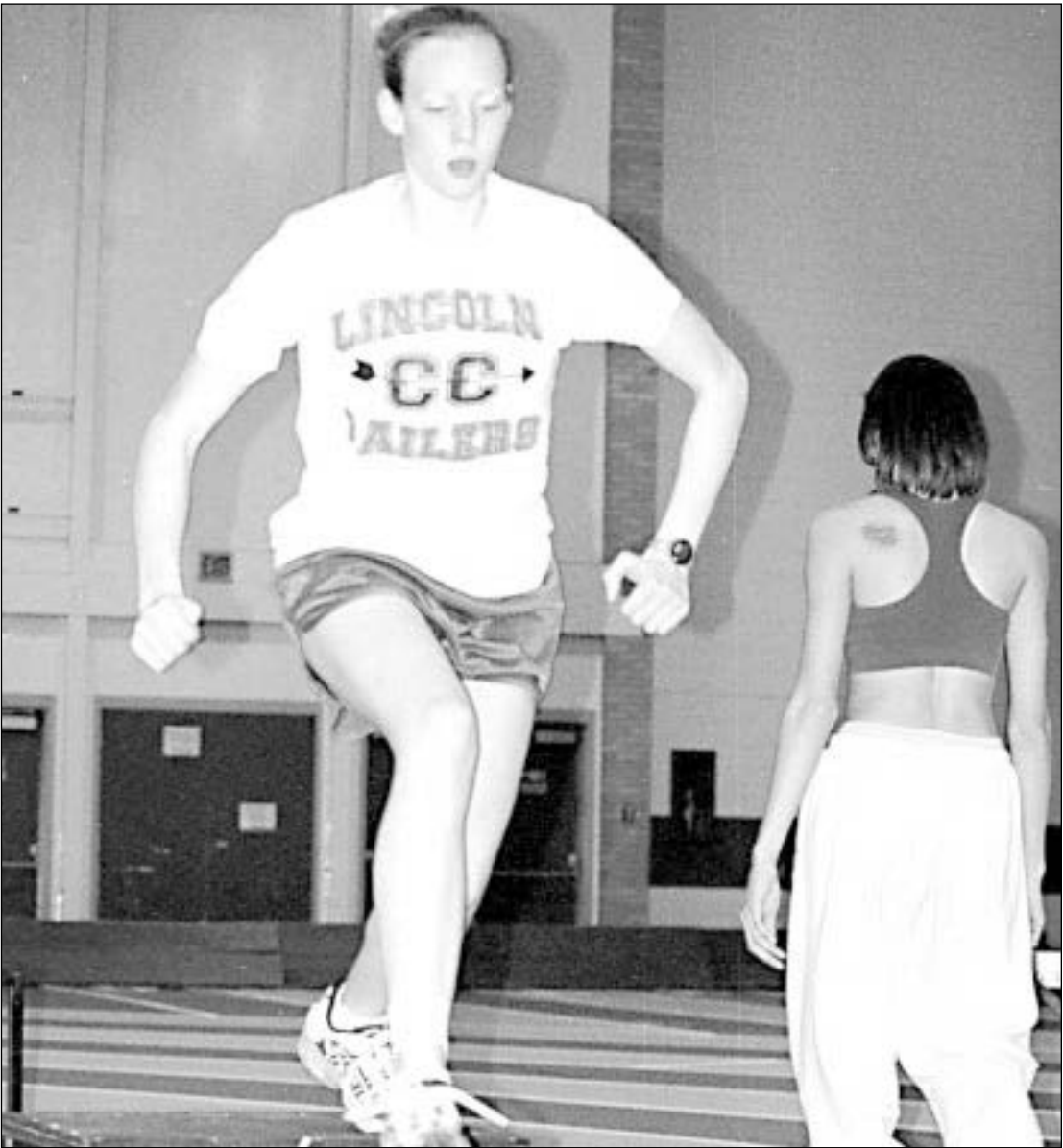
Marissa Bushue is still nursing a hamstring injury, and Nicole Milici hurt her foot in the distance medley relay last week at the Indiana Invitational.

"Nicole has taken it easy in practice this week, but she jogged yesterday and said she felt pretty good," Craft said. "The main thing we want to do is get healthier for our next meet."

McGee fractured her toe a week ago but plans on being ready to compete again soon.

"My toe feels much better. I've been walking and jogging, but I haven't tried jumping yet," McGee said.

"But I should be competing next weekend unless it's bothering me a lot."



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Freshman Mary Wood goes through exercises at practice earlier this season. Wood and the women have this weekend off.

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BY MIKE PETERS

Ending UTM's hot streak

Editor's Note: Staff writer Anthony Braviere will be holding a series of weekly interviews with Eastern head men's basketball coach Rick Samuels. This week they talked about the hot Tennessee-Martin team they'll face tonight and being broadcast nationally on ESPN2 for their game on the road at Murray State.

Braviere: I know that you saw that Tennessee-Martin beat Tennessee State by a pretty good margin, and now you guys are going in there and you're catching them on a hot streak. It has to concern you...

Samuels: Well, it does. Martin has always been a tough place to play, not only for us but for others as evidenced by them beating Murray and Peay there. Now we are compounding that by the fact that they are playing better, and it appears that their resurgence is based upon much better offensive production.

Braviere: With Austin Peay beating Murray State (Tuesday) and some other teams falling recently, it just goes to show how strong the Ohio Valley Conference really is...

Samuels: Literally every team in the conference is capable of winning games, and that's got me looking at where everyone will finish. I should be concerned with just us, but I am having to look at everyone.

Braviere: I know that you are a coach who doesn't like to look ahead at all, but do you think that as a set, these three games (today at Tennessee-Martin, Saturday at Murray State and Monday at home against Tennessee Tech)

may be the games that make or break your team in conference play?

Samuels: No, I wouldn't say that. I think we have to look at what our perspective is. If it is winning the conference outright, then these are critical. And we want to do that. But also positioning for a run at the postseason tournament is critical. So all six games are important for those goals.

Braviere: Focusing more on Tennessee-Martin, they are third in scoring and field goal percentage so their offense has to be an area that needs to be addressed...

Samuels: They are getting good post play and good post offensive production. Foster kind of started it against us here. He surprised us because he wasn't that big of an offensive factor, but now their offense runs through him. He's a factor in everything now.

Braviere: Plus, they have Jeremy Sargent, who is another big guy, who may not be a big offensive threat, but defensively he is very good...

Samuels: His other strength is that if you leave him to trap Foster, he's a great rebounder. So now you have to stop him from getting the rebound.

Braviere: It seems like week

after week I ask you the same question, but it seems like every week your team plays a team with a sub-par record. But Tennessee-Martin is a good team despite their record...

Samuels: We've battled through those, and our strength is that we've battled through those. They've all been close, and our success is that we have been able to finish close games. We'll have to call upon that strength again.

Braviere: Then on Saturday you travel to Murray State, and you get the chance to perform in front of the nation on ESPN2. How excited is your team and how excited are you?

Samuels: Well, I think it's a great opportunity for people to see what we're about, because ESPN will have plenty of lead up stuff on us. It's a great sell for us. And I also think it's a coming of age in the OVC.

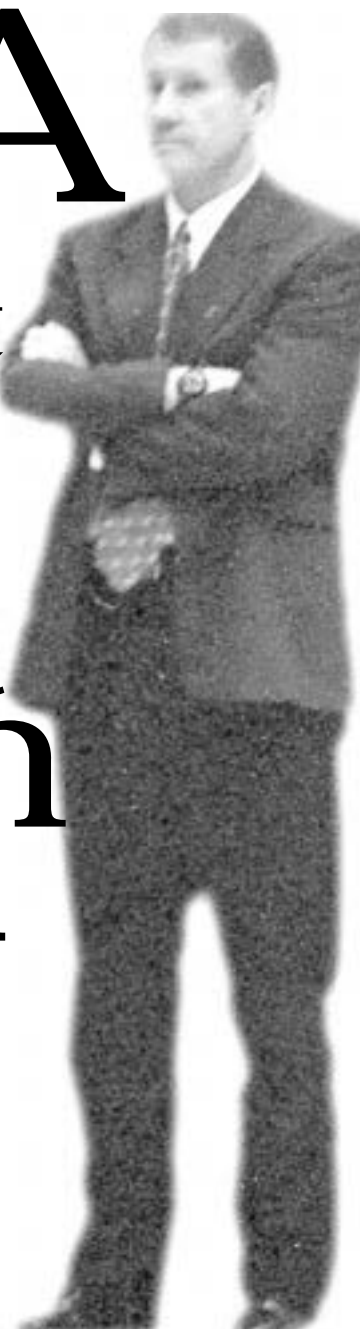
Braviere: When you say sell, do you mean recruiting wise, or more as a conference, or both?

Samuels: Both. We certainly have to make our future recruits, and not just this spring, but juniors and sophomores aware of the offensive success because that's what kids want to do now is score.

Braviere: Although Murray State may not be good as years past, they are still a team that can win any game...

Samuels: Well, the difference

Q & A sitdown with Rick Samuels



with Murray is that they are talented as any Murray team as in the past. But the difference with this year's team is the experience. They are just not as experienced. The thing there is that any team can turn it on any given night, but experienced teams can do it every night.

Braviere: How does it feel to know even though you guys will be on the road you will have the support of the home crowd watching the game on ESPN2?

Samuels: What's good is that there is interest. There's a get together in Florida to watch the ESPN2 broadcast.

Braviere: Then on Monday you get Tennessee Tech, and if everything works out for you and your team this game will be the one where the winner gets the leg up in the OVC.

Samuels: Well, if we just look at that game on its own merits, it's a game, and to be in contention you must win at home. They don't play again in the league until that night, and they are 9-2, so they'll be a leader coming into our place.

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Recruits

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“We would have liked to get a couple of linebackers and coach Dameron leaving seems to be having an effect there,” Spoo said. “It seems that a lot of schools came back through and asked kids, ‘Who are you playing for? They don’t even have a defensive coordinator.’ And that got us on a few kids, unfortunately.”

The loss of Dameron may have had an effect on the loss of an All-State linebacker from Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. to Central Florida, but the Panthers still managed to keep that pipeline wide open.

After signing four recruits from the Florida high school last season, Spoo inked another three this season from the Florida 6A state runner up team in free safety Nick Allison, cornerback Joseph Harris and wide receiver Alfred Osborne. Defensive backs coach Ron Lambert had been the main force behind the Ft. Lauderdale connection.

“That connection is very important and coach Lambert played in that conference and really has some great ties down there,” Spoo said.

“Those kids really know how to play and have great work ethic and play with real intensity.”

Last year’s Dillard recruits Antwan Oliver, Devon O’Neal, Vince Lewis and Fred Miller all made significant contributions in

the first year as Panthers last fall and Spoo said the same could be true for his new crop of Ft. Lauderdale recruits.

“We had four true freshman this past season and a couple of them started and all four made big contributions,” Spoo said. “It’s hard to say we’d have the kind of success we did without them and these guys we’re bringing in could have the ability to do the same.”

Spoo said Allison, the Dillard free safety, transferred in at the semester and will provide good speed in the secondary. Spoo said

Dillard’s Harris, the smallest of the recruits at 5 feet 8 inches and 160 pounds, will make up for what he lacks in speed with blazing speed at the cornerback position.

The third Ft. Lauderdale recruit was Osborne, a talented 6 foot 3 inch wide receiver who Spoo says, “is the big wide receiver we’ve always wanted with great speed.”

Spoo also signed a trio of offensive lineman including First Team All-State selection and third place winner for Indiana’s Mr. Football Lineman Brad Miller from Carmel, Ind., Will Bihun from Hampshire, Ill., Honorable mention All-State pick Marcus Lorick out of Terre Haute, Ind. and Chicago Sun-Times Top 25 and first team all-area selection Joe Villagran from Joliet Township High School.

“Joe Villagran is just a huge guy who is very talented,” Spoo said.

The Panthers also signed three defensive ends in First Team All-State selection Will Bihun from

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We have a good, solid group of kids that will certainly help us.

Bob Spoo

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Hampshire, Ill., First Team All-Area pick Kory Lothe from Sun Prairie, Wisc. and All-State Honorable Mention selection Travis Wanzeck from Parker, Co.

“We subscribe to a recruiting service and our graduate assistant coaches got some tape on this kid and looked those over,” Spoo said of Wanzeck.

“He’s a really fine player who plays with great intensity and we had him out here the first weekend with his parents.”

Rounding out the 2001 recruiting class is tight end Bryan Kelly who was a two-time All-State pick and an academic All-State selection for Concord High School in Elkhart, Ind.

Spoo said he and his staff will continue to try to round out the class by looking at possible junior college transfers and other prep stars that have yet to sign. But despite the small size of the class, Spoo said he is pleased with the players he was able to sign.

“We have a good, solid group of kids that will certainly help us, how soon we’ll have to wait and see,” Spoo said.

“But this a very athletic group with good size.”

OSU downs Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Ohio State coach Jim O’Brien kept adjusting his offense, but in the end it was mostly guards Brian Brown and Brent Darby causing too much chaos for No. 14 Iowa.

Brown scored 20 points and hit all four of his 3-point attempts and Darby added 15 points as Ohio State defeated the Hawkeyes 69-68 on Wednesday night.

“We keep tweaking our offense. Tonight, we got a lot of looks from our perimeter guys,” O’Brien said. “We went back to getting some fade screens for our guards and it was big that our guys made the shots.”

Iowa coach Steve Alford said Brown and Darby couldn’t be stopped.

“I thought that our guards were poor on defense all night. I think

that is about as bad as we have been in the backcourt, defensively,” he said. “I thought that in the second half, Ohio State showed how badly they wanted to win this game.”

Sean Connolly scored 11 points and Ken Johnson added 10 points, nine rebounds and six blocked shots for Ohio State (15-8, 6-5 Big Ten), which has won three of four.

“Kevin Johnson brings everything to this team,” Brown said. “He’s our go-to guy. He’s definitely the key to our defense.”

Iowa (17-5, 6-3), playing its first game since learning that leading scorer Luke Recker might be out for the rest of the season with a knee injury, got a season-high 27 points from Dean Oliver and 14 points and 11 rebounds from Reggie Evans.

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It's about that time of the year

Good morning, sports fans. With the weather getting warmer, and the days getting longer, you can just feel it coming can't you?

The feeling that I am talking about is baseball, the national pastime. And within the next few weeks, players will be reporting to spring training and exhibitions will be played.

Granted, some of these players will be selling cars at Terry's Motors used car lot in a few weeks, but who cares? It's baseball.

But what many people on this campus don't realize is that we have a team right here that we should be concerned about before we start worrying about who will be the fifth starter in the Cubs' rotation.

Eastern baseball should be back to its winning ways this season after a somewhat crappy year last season.

Back from a team that went 22-33, are All-Conference maybes in second baseman Josh Landon, pitchers Mike Ziroli and Scott Metz, first baseman Brian Nickell, third baseman Chris Martin and outfielder Keith Laski.

Not to mention some players that aren't as heralded, but will make a huge impact at Monier Field this season like Ben Duke, Jesse Neuhaus and Nick Albu.

Now, I know a lot of people are saying if these players are so good, why was the team 22-33 last year?

Well, I think I may have an answer to that. I'd like to see anyone else field a successful team with all of the injuries that the Panthers had last season.

Eastern may be at somewhat of a disadvantage in the early part of the season due to the whole "field-house fiasco," which limited the amount of offseason practice time the team had.

They are a couple of weeks behind from where they might want to be, but once they get into the groove of the season, this team will be what Landon called "the surprise team of the conference."

So, for all the Ohio Valley Conference coaches who overlooked the Panthers and picked them to finish fourth in the conference, they might be in for a surprise when they come to Monier this season.

And while Eastern's stadium won't be new and improved yet, the Panther baseball team will be.

Spoo inks just 10 recruits

Veteran head coach 'disappointed' in size of his 2001 recruiting class

By **Bill Ruthhart**
Sports editor

Panther head football coach Bob Spoo signed 10 high school recruits to national letters-of-intent Wednesday.

The 2001 recruiting class consists of 10 prep standouts, five of which will see action on offense with the other five being defensive players. The class of 10 is much smaller than Spoo expected.

"We could have gone as high as 17 or 18 recruits and I'm disappointed for the numbers that we got," Spoo said. "I really thought we were talking to some great players and a week ago we thought we had 18, 19 solid, but now we're down to 10."

One of the major factors that resulted in the dropoff in numbers was losing verbally committed players to larger, Division IA schools. Spoo said the Panthers lost five potential signees to IA schools.

"Unfortunately, when it got down to it, we lost several kids to Division IA schools," Spoo said. "That's unfortunate, but when a kid has

2001 Panther Football Recruiting Class

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Will Bihun	6-2	250	Fr.	DE	Hampshire, Ill. (Hampshire)
Joseph Harris	5-8	160	Fr.	CB	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
Bryan Kelly	6-3	220	Fr.	TE	Elkhart, Ind (Concord)
Marcus Lorick	6-3	260	Fr.	OL	Terre Haute, Ind. (South)
Kory Lothe	6-3	235	Fr.	DE	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)
Brad Miller	6-3	260	Fr.	OL	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel)
Alfred Osborne	6-3	185	Fr.	WR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
Joe Villagran	6-6	280	Fr.	OL	Joliet, Ill. (Township)
Travis Wanzek	6-3	215	Fr.	DE	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)

aspirations to play at that level, he's going to commit when given the chance."

Three of those recruits Spoo lost out on were from Wisconsin and committed to IA schools Northern Illinois, Western Michigan and Minnesota. The player that signed with Minnesota was a talented defensive tackle as was a recruit the Panthers lost out to Western Illinois.

"We didn't fare well at defensive tackle, which was a priority," Spoo said. "We lost the one kid to Minnesota and that hurt, so that will

be an area we'll be looking at. We only have four defensive tackles on the roster for this spring, so hopefully we'll be able to upgrade there."

Spoo would have also liked to have recruited a pair of linebackers, and believes the departure of defensive coordinator Kim Dameron to Stephen F. Austin State University hurt the Panthers in that area as well as on the defensive line.

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Skyhawks try to sweep Panthers

UTM seeks second conference win this season over Eastern

By **Kristin Rojek**
Staff writer

The battle within the Ohio Valley continues today as Tennessee-Martin hosts Eastern with just three weeks remaining in the conference schedule.

"There's a separation from the top four teams and the bottom five teams by at least two games," Tennessee-Martin head coach Gary Van Atta said. "It's going to be a dogfight for 2, 3, 4 and then 5,6,7,8 because even though there's nine teams, we still have to see who gets in."

While Eastern still battles to advance to the playoffs with a 1-9 record in the league, Tennessee-Martin sits in the middle of the Ohio Valley Conference with a 4-6 record.



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Senior Panther guard Renee Schaul tries to make a pass over two Austin Peay defenders in a game earlier this season at Lantz Gymnasium. The Panthers take on Tennessee-Martin tonight on the road.

"It's just great to have Kelly back because she's one of the few experienced players we have," Van Atta said.

"She played 33 minutes against Tennessee State and she's picked up right where she left off. She's a hard worker and she's stayed in shape."

While Pendleton was away from the court, Van Atta looked to several other players for scoring contributions.

"I'm very proud of how the team played without Kelly," Van Atta said.

"We had three kids have their career highs when Kelly was out. That was a big boost for the team."

While the Skyhawks are just one position away from hosting a conference game, Van Atta's concentration is just getting the team into playoffs.

"Our No. 1 goal is just to get into the tournament and then we're just one game away from Nashville," Van Atta said. "With

only six games left, I don't know how realistic our options are to get into the top four, but we want to finish strong."

Women's basketball standings

	OVC	Overall
Tennessee Tech	11-0	18-4
Eastern Kentucky	8-3	12-2
Austin Peay	2-0	11-3
Southeast Missouri	7-4	12-9
Tennessee-Martin	4-6	10-11
Murray State	4-7	6-16
Tennessee State	4-8	6-15
Eastern Illinois	1-9	5-16
Morehead State	1-9	5-16

Today's games

Morehead State at Austin Peay, 5:30 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at Tenn. St., 5:30 p.m.
Southeast Missouri at Murray St., 5:30 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Tenn.-Martin, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Eastern Illinois at Murray State, 2 p.m.
Southeast Missouri at Tenn.-Martin, 4 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at Austin Peay, 5:30 p.m.
Morehead State at Tennessee St., 5:30 p.m.